

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 13 have been allowed. Claims 3, 4, 8-12, 14 and 15 were canceled by Examiner's amendment. By this Response, claim 13 is amended and claims 16-24 added.

Applicants note that claims 3, 4, 8-12, 14 and 15 were directed to an unelected species. Claim 1 was generic to this species. Thus, these claims should not have been canceled by an Examiner's amendment and instead recaptured in view of allowed claim 1. A telephone call was placed to the Examiner on April 25, 2006, in which the Examiner agreed that these claims should not have been canceled. The Examiner stated that the canceled claims could be added to the application and the application would then proceed forward with allowance. Applicants have added claims 16-24 for this purpose. Claims 16-24 are identical to canceled claims 3, 4, 8-12, 14 and 15. Accordingly allowance of the application should be maintained.

Applicants have also amended claim 13 to correct it's dependency. Claim 13 was originally dependent from canceled claim 10 and is now dependent from claim 20.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to claim 13 does not raise any new issues and does not affect the allowance of the application.

Therefore, in view of the above applicants respectfully submit that the application should maintain it's allowable status.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings (Reg. No. 48,917) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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